U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/566,986 Amendment filed May 17, 2007 Reply to OA dated February 23, 2007

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A wire harness excessive length absorbing device comprising: a case, having a base wall, front wall, rear wall, pair of side walls and a cover, for receiving a wire harness having an inlet formed in a side wall adjacent the rear wall, and an outlet formed in

the rear wall for the wire harness;

an urging member for urging the wire harness toward an inside of the case; and

a harness roller on about which the wire harness is rolled in a U-shape, said harness roller reciprocally moving under acting force of the urging member, and

a harness guide mounted on the outlet <u>formed in the rear wall</u> and curved toward the inlet for guiding the harness to the outside of the case, <u>such that the wire harness is pulled into the case</u> from the harness inlet and turned in the U-shape about the wire harness roller and further turned by the harness guide and pulled out of the case.

- 2. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the harness guide is curved in the same direction as a direction of the wire harness being rolled on the harness roller.
- 3. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a radius of corner of the harness guide is formed equal to or larger than a thickness of the case.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/566,986 Amendment filed May 17, 2007 Reply to OA dated February 23, 2007

4. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the outlet is disposed in a direction perpendicular to that of the inlet.